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Edinburgh, the third day of *January* 1678.

Inſtructions given by His Majeſties Privy Councill, to the perſons appointed by them, to be common Taſters of Ale and Drinking-beer within the City of Edinburgh, *and* Suburbs *thereof*, Cannon-gate, Leith, *and the Burghs Royal in the Shires of* Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Haddingtoun, *&c.*

IT is ordered, That the Taſters, who are appointed for each Baillies reſpective quarter, in the City of *Edinburgh*, ſhal change their Quarters each moneth: Theſe who are appointed for the eldeſt Baylies Quarter the firſt moneth, ſhall be for the youngeſt Baylies Quarter the next; and theſe appointed for the third Baylies, ſhall be for the ſecond Baylies the next moneth: And ſoforth by turns monethly, which the Magiſtrates are to ſee done accordingly.

All Brewers are diſcharged to give out any Ale or Drinking beer out of any of their Breweries, untill the ſame be taſted by one of the ordinar Taſters who are ordered to taſte every Browſt after the ſame is tunned, and before it go to the Tapſter, and the like to be done for ſuch Drink as ſhall be both browen and tapped by any particular perſon, before they ſhall tap any thereof. And the Taſters for *Edinburgh*, *Leith*, and *Cannon-gate*, are ordered weekly to give up the names of the contraveeners, to the Clerks of the Council, to be communicate to the Committee; and the Taſters of the reſt of the Burghs to give the ſame up to the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe of the Shire.

It is ordered that the ſeveral Brewers give up a liſt to the Taſters of the Tapſters to whom they ſell their drink in their reſpective bounds weekly, that the Taſters may know what Tapſters ſells the ſame, and the Taſters are ordered to taſte the Ale in the ſeveral houſes of the Tapſters at leaſt twice a week; and the Tapſters are to give up to the Taſters the Brewers names from whom they receive their Drink: And in caſe, either the Brewer or Tapſter refuſe, the Taſters are appointed to give up their names as aforeſaid.

It is ordered that the Taſters take particular notice at what price each Brewer and Tapſter ſells their Ale and Drinking-beer, and give a particular accompt as aforeſaid weekly of the names of ſuch Brewers and Tapſters as they ſhal find do brew and tap Ale and Drinking-beer, which is not ſufficient, and ſells the ſame at higher rates than is allowed by the Proclamation. And if the drink, ſold now at ſixteen pennies the pynt, be als good and ſtrong, as the drink, at two ſhillings the pynt, immediately before the firſt of *January* laſt.

The Taſters appointed for the *Weſt-port*, *Potteraw*, *Pleaſants*, and *Yeard heads* of *Leith*, are ordered to taſte the Ale and Drinking-beer of all Brewers, not only, theſe that vent the ſame in theſe places, but alſo of theſe that brewes there, and vents the ſame in the Burgh of *Edinburgh*; as alſo of the Brewers of *Gorgie-milne*, *Dalry*, *Dam-head*, *Dalry-milnes*, *Water* of *Leith*, *Dean*, *Colt-bridge*, *Gorgie town*, *Merchiſton*, *Cannon-milnes*, and all other places within a mile and a half of *Edinburgh*, except *Duddingſtoun*, and *Reſtalrig*. That the Taſters in the *Yeard-heads* of *Leith* do the like, as to the Brewers and Brewries in that part of the Shire, that either vents their Drink themſelves, or imports the ſame to the town of *Edinburgh*, or any other place within a mile of *Leith*, and the Taſters in *Reſtalrig* and *Duddingſtoun* are to do the like in their bounds as to what is conſumed in the place, or imported, as aforeſaid.

The Taſters ſworn and received for the bounds foreſaids are to continue in that ſervice from the firſt day of *January*, 1678. to the firſt day of *January*, 1679. In which truſt they are required to be exact and diligent, as they will be anſwerable.

GOD ſave the King.

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